

**Ethel A. Cullinan, Ph.D.**  
**President And CEO**  
**Medcen Community Health Foundation**  
**“Health Care for Central Georgia”**

Ethel A. Cullinan, Ph.D., received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Political Science and Public Administration, from Connecticut College and the University of Florida respectively. Her dissertation was on Latin America politics, and she served in Washington D.C., as a Management Consultant to the Organization of American States.

In 1972, she moved to Georgia where she taught political science at the college level for 14 years before entering academic administration at Mercer University and as academic Dean of Wesleyan College. During this period, she received Fulbright Grants to India And Peru.

In 1989, Cullinan joined the staff of the Medcen Community Health. In 1991, she was named President and CEO of the Foundation, and a member of senior management for Central Georgia Health System, Inc. The Medcen Community Health Foundation raises funds and provides grants for hospital and community projects. The Foundation has a corpus of \$37 million.

While continuing her role with the Foundation, in 1997, Cullinan was named President of a new corporation, Central Georgia Senior Health, Inc. to develop and manage a 500 member Continuing Care Retirement Community.

Cullinan is active in community affairs and professional associations such as the Chamber Board of Directors and Downtown Rotary Board, United Way, Heart of Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Career Women's Network, and the Committee on Effective Government. She is a charter Director of Rivoli Bank and Trust. She holds the status of fellow in the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy. She is certified in the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Society of Homes and Services for the Aging.

**Leda M. Pérez, Ph.D.**  
**Project Director, Community Voices/Miami**  
**Camillus House**

**“Community Voices/Miami: A W.K. Kellogg Foundation Healthcare for the Underserved Initiative”**

Leda M. Pérez joined Camillus House in February of 1999 as Director of “Community Voices/Miami,” a five year W.K. Kellogg initiative devoted to determining the means by which to improve access to health care for the uninsured and underserved of Miami-Dade County. Dr. Pérez’s work on this initiative has been focused on directing data collection efforts as well as working on community engagement efforts, and interfacing with local and state stakeholders in creating policies to effect systems change.

Prior to joining Camillus House, Dr. Pérez was the Executive Coordinator of Global Education Associates, a Miami-based consulting firm that focused on researching trends in Latin American university teaching methods, faculty education levels and development needs. Dr. Pérez has also served as Adjunct Professor at Florida International University, teaching theory of International Relations. While engaged in her doctoral studies, Dr. Pérez served as a Research Assistant at the University of Miami’s North-South Center working on a variety of subjects, including democratic governance, sustainable development, press freedom, and human rights. In addition, Dr. Pérez was one of the North-South Center’s lead coordinators surrounding the Summit of the Americas that brought together the Hemisphere’s democratically elected leaders to Miami in the Fall of 1994 to discuss issues of common concern and set the agenda for Latin America development in the new millennium.

Between 1995-1996, Dr. Pérez was one of the chief coordinators of the Ford Foundation funded Civil Society for Hemispheric Integration Project (CSHIP), working with different members of Latin American civil societies to reach consensus around common issues of concern in the Hemispheric integration process and providing the space to share these consensus at the decision making levels.

Dr. Pérez’s academic research trajectory includes traveling as a member of the Latin American studies Association (LASA) pre-election delegation to Perú to study civil society’s perceptions of democracy levels in the country prior to the country’s April 1995 elections. In addition, Dr. Pérez has published in *The Journal of Latin American Affairs* and presented at the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Pérez’s dissertation, “The Trinity Divided: Ethnopolitics and Islamic Fundamentalism in Trinidad and Tobago,” was defended in 1996.

In 1996, Dr. Pérez earned her Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies from the School of International Studies at the University of Miami. Her areas of specialization include Comparative Development, Latin American Politics, and International Relations. Dr. Pérez’s sub-fields arising from her doctoral dissertation research include Religious Fundamentalism, Ethnicity and Politics. Dr. Pérez also earned a Master of Arts in International Affairs in 1990, with specializations in Latin American Politics and Middle Eastern Politics.

Dr. Pérez is on the Board of Directors of Cool School of Dade, Inc., and is active in the Junior League of Miami.